

CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice.

Please amend **CLAIMS** 1, 14, and 15 as follows, the added words being underlined and the deleted words being in brackets:

Two claim presentations are shown.

The first claim presentation includes all of the remaining claims for consideration in the case with all amendments having been made thereto. The edit markings are omitted from the first claim presentation although all accumulated amendments made thus far to all of the remaining claims in the case are included in the first claim presentation. Therefore, the first claim presentation is believed to represent all of the remaining claims after having first accomplished the instant amendments, if any.

The second claim presentation includes only those claims that are being amended by this response. Please amend the claims in accordance with the changes that are shown, the added words being underlined and the deleted words being in brackets.

A. First claim presentation of all remaining claims in their final machine-readable form.

1. A traceable luggage bag and system, comprising:

(a) means for permanently identifying said luggage bag, said means for permanently identifying including a unique identification number that is permanently attached to said luggage bag;

(b) a data base, said data base containing a file of information pertinent to said luggage bag; and

(c) means for providing access to said file to a user and wherein said user includes an owner of said luggage bag and wherein said access to said file includes providing means for said owner to change at least a portion of the contents of said file.

4. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said user is an authorized user.

5. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 4 wherein said access to said file by said authorized user includes an ability to view the contents of said file and precludes an ability to change any of the contents of said file.

6. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 4 wherein said authorized user includes an airline company.

7. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 4 wherein said authorized user includes a commercial type of a carrier.

8. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 4 wherein said authorized user includes a hotel.

9. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for permanently identifying said luggage bag

includes at least one bar code label that is permanently attached to said luggage bag.

10. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for permanently identifying said luggage bag includes at least one microchip that is permanently attached to said luggage bag.

11. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for permanently identifying said luggage bag is permanently attached to said luggage bag by a manufacturer at the time said luggage bag is manufactured.

12. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for permanently identifying said luggage bag is permanently attached to said luggage bag after said luggage bag has been manufactured.

13. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for providing access to said file is provided subsequent to a communication to said data base providing

said unique identification number and an owner personal identification number to said data base and, wherein, said means for providing access includes means for changing the contents of said file.

12 14. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for providing access to said file is provided subsequent to a communication to said data base providing said unique identification number and an authorized user identification number to said data base and, wherein, said means for providing access includes means for preventing said authorized user from changing the contents of said file.

13 15. A traceable luggage bag and system, comprising:

(a) a luggage bag having a predetermined size and shape;

(b) means for permanently identifying said luggage bag, said means for permanently identifying including a unique identification number that is permanently attached to said luggage bag;

(c) a data base, said data base containing a file of information pertinent to said luggage bag and wherein said unique identification number provides access to said data base and wherein said access to said data base provides a linkage with an owner of said luggage bag; and

(c) wherein said owner of said luggage bag is adapted to change at least a portion of the contents of said file and including at least one authorized user and wherein said authorized user is provided access to said unique identification number and wherein said unique identification number provides access for said authorized user to said data base and wherein said authorized user is permitted to view the contents of said file and is prevented from changing any of the contents of said file.

16. The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 15 including means for obtaining said unique identification number from said means for permanently identifying.

B. Second claim presentation of the instant amendments only.

1. (Amended) A traceable luggage bag and system, comprising:

(a) means for permanently identifying said luggage bag, said means for permanently identifying including a unique identification number that is permanently attached to said luggage bag;

(b) a data base, said data base containing a file of information pertinent to said luggage bag; and

(c) means for providing access to said file to a user and wherein said user includes an owner of said luggage bag and wherein said access to said file includes providing means for said owner to change at least a portion of the contents of said file.

14. (Amended) The traceable luggage bag and system of claim 1 wherein said means for providing access to said file is provided subsequent to a communication to said data base providing said unique identification number and an authorized user identification number to said data base and, wherein, said means for providing access includes means for

preventing said authorized user from changing the contents of said file.

15. (Amended) A traceable luggage bag and system, comprising:

(a) a luggage bag having a predetermined size and shape; [and]

(b) means for permanently identifying said luggage bag, said means for permanently identifying including a unique identification number that is permanently attached to said luggage bag[.];

(c) a data base, said data base containing a file of information pertinent to said luggage bag and wherein said unique identification number provides access to said data base and wherein said access to said data base provides a linkage with an owner of said luggage bag; and

(c) wherein said owner of said luggage bag is adapted to change at least a portion of the contents of said file and including at least one authorized user and

wherein said authorized user is provided access to said unique identification number and wherein said unique identification number provides access for said authorized user to said data base and wherein said authorized user is permitted to view the contents of said file and is prevented from changing any of the contents of said file.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled and claims 1, 14, and 15 have been amended. Claims 1 and 4-16 remain in the case.

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